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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending with claim 1 being independent. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Claim amendments relative to response filed on June 11, 2009

In the response filed on June 11, 2009, claim 1 was amended to recite, in part, "a <u>plurality of damper [[case]] cases, each damper case</u> having an annular damper chamber for accommodating viscous fluid therein," and "the other one of the damper [[case]] <u>cases</u> and the rotor is mounted on the shaft." In this supplemental amendment, the amendments to these features of claim 1 are removed. Specifically, claim 1 is amended to recite, in part, "a <u>plurality of damper</u> case <u>eases</u>, <u>each damper case</u> having an annular damper chamber for accommodating viscous fluid therein," and "the other [[one]] of the damper case [[cases]] and the rotor is mounted on the shaft." Because the amendments recite features that were previously recited in the claims, no new matter has been introduced.

35 U.S.C. § 102

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable for the reasons discussed in the response filed on June 11, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully submitted.

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